

HOUSE BILL 552

By Whitson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-155, relative to store-and-forward telemedicine services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-155(a)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(2) "Store-and-forward telemedicine services" means the use of asynchronous computer-based communications between a healthcare provider and patient for the purpose of diagnosis, consultation, or treatment of the patient at a distant site where there may be no in-person exchange between the healthcare provider and the patient; and

(3) "Telehealth," "telemedicine," and "provider-based telemedicine" mean:

(A) The use of real time audio, video, or other electronic media and telecommunication technology that enables interaction between a healthcare provider and a patient for the purpose of diagnosis, consultation, or treatment of a patient at a distant site where there may be no in-person exchange between a healthcare provider and a patient; or

(B) Store-and-forward telemedicine services.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.